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Abstract of the Disclosure

A cylinder housing (1) is cast with a cylinder wall (2) in the making of a cylinder for an internal combustion engine. The cylinder wall delimits an interior space (3) for accommodating a reciprocating piston and, thereafter, a control window (5) is machined into the cylinder wall (2) as an opening of a transfer channel (4) into the interior space (3). A two-stage machining for forming the control window (5) is provided in order to make possible a rapid and cost effective manufacture of the cylinder. In a first step with a work tool (7) having a rotating primary movement (11), a breakthrough (10) is machined into the cylinder wall (2) and, in a second step with a work tool, the breakthrough (10) is widened to the wanted dimensions of the control window (5).